



NORTH/EAST Polk County Coalition

2010 PRIORITIES

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PURPOSE OF THE NORTH/EAST POLK COUNTY COALITION

“The members of the North/East Polk County Coalition promote their common interests to improve the quality of life for the residents of North/East Polk County. Their efforts will benefit the residents of North/East Polk County by increasing the number of career opportunities in the area, creating new business investment, expanding the number of recreation and entertainment options, growing the commercial and residential tax bases and providing balanced growth for the metro area.”

NORTH/EAST POLK COUNTY SUCCESSES:

Surface Transportation Improvements

1. Northeast Beltway
 - Began the process to narrow the beltway corridor
2. 36th Street Interchange on Interstate 35
 - Received approval of the Interstate Justification Report
 - Signed an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation to begin the project
 - Began Right-of-way acquisition
 - Began final design stages of the interchange
 - Received federal funding in 2009
3. North-South Metro Parkway
 - Began action on the Environmental Impact Study
 - Received federal funding toward the study

Regional Airport Improvements

1. Taxiway and Apron Paving Improvements
 - Completed the improvements
 - Received federal funding for the improvements

Employment Center

1. Opened four new business parks in north/east Polk County
 - Vintage Park at Prairie Trail – 65 acres
 - Crosswinds Business Park – 400 acres
 - Big Creek Technology Campus – 32 acres
 - Polk County East Mixmaster – 100 acres
2. Extended sewer infrastructure to accommodate future development
 - Rock Creek Sewer Project – under construction
 - Four Mile Creek Sewer Project – under construction
 - Mud Creek Sewer Project – in design process

NORTH/EAST POLK COUNTY SUCCESSES

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Tourism Destination

1. Saylorville Marina Boat Ramp
 - Bids let for reconstruction of the boat ramp
 - Received federal funding for the project
2. Saylorville Trail Reconstruction
 - Construction is underway
 - Received federal funding for the project
3. High Trestle Trail (Ankeny to Woodward)
 - Construction is underway with completion expected in fall of 2010
4. Otter Creek Golf Course
 - Renovation of the golf course and construction of a clubhouse completed

Retail

1. The Shoppes at Prairie Crossing
 - Bass Pro Shop Grand opening in 2009
 - Infrastructure in place for future development
2. Prairie Trail
 - Grading of the town center
3. Deery Brothers Dealership in Pleasant Hill
 - Opened in 2009

ONGOING PROJECTS RECEIVING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO DATE

1. 36th Street Interchange on Interstate 35 – Received federal funding
2. North-South Metro Parkway – Received federal funding for the Environmental Impact Study (STP funding)
3. Extension of Adventureland Drive – Received federal funding
4. Extension of rail spur for Altoona Industrial Park – Received federal funding
5. Taxiway and Apron Paving Improvements – Received federal funding
6. Saylorville Marina Boat Ramp – Received federal funding
7. Saylorville Trail Reconstruction – Received federal funding
8. Saylorville – Received approval of the annexation of Corps of Engineers property into Polk City

NORTH/EAST POLK COUNTY COALITION PRIORITIES UPDATED FOR 2010

1. Surface Transportation Improvements

- The construction of the Northeast Beltway from Interstate 80/Highway 65 to Interstate 35
- The construction of the 36th Street Interchange on Interstate 35
- The construction of the North-South Metro Parkway (NW 26th Street Interchange)
- The construction of improvements to the Cotton Avenue Interchange (Exit 149) on Interstate 80
- The reconstruction of the interchange at Exit 142 in Altoona
- Phase II reconstruction of Adventureland Drive in Altoona
- The reconstruction of Adventureland Drive from 56th Street east to Hubbell Avenue

2. Regional Airport Improvements

- Safety improvements through the expansion of the Runway Protection Zone on Runway 22 and the realignment of Four-Mile Drive for threshold relocation
- The maintenance and continual upgrade of the Ankeny Regional Airport
- The preservation of the Ankeny Regional Airport as the feeder/reliever airport for the Des Moines International Airport

NORTH/EAST POLK COUNTY COALITION PRIORITIES UPDATED FOR 2010

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3. Employment Center

- The development of north/east Polk County as an employment center that provides career opportunities for residents on the north/east side of the metro area, balances growth for central Iowa and creates new opportunities for businesses to be successful in central Iowa.

4. Brand Identity

- A development of a brand identity for North/East Polk County that reflects its positive characteristics and promotes new business growth

5. Strong Community Coalition

- North/east Polk County elected officials, organizations and residents support the priorities of their partner communities to achieve greater success working collaboratively than any single jurisdiction or organization would individually

6. Tourism Destination

- Saylorville Lake area is fully developed as a statewide destination for tourism and recreation
- The regional trail system is expanded through the connection of local trails

7. Retail Choices

- North/east Polk County continues to grow as a retail destination for central Iowans

NORTH/EAST POLK COUNTY COALITION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the north/east portion of Polk County has many assets that create a foundation for a bright future, and

WHEREAS, the strengths of each community can contribute to the future success of north/east Polk County, and

WHEREAS, the communities have many common interests for economic growth and improved quality of life for north/east Polk County, and

WHEREAS, by working together, the communities of north/east Polk County can achieve the highest level of success, and

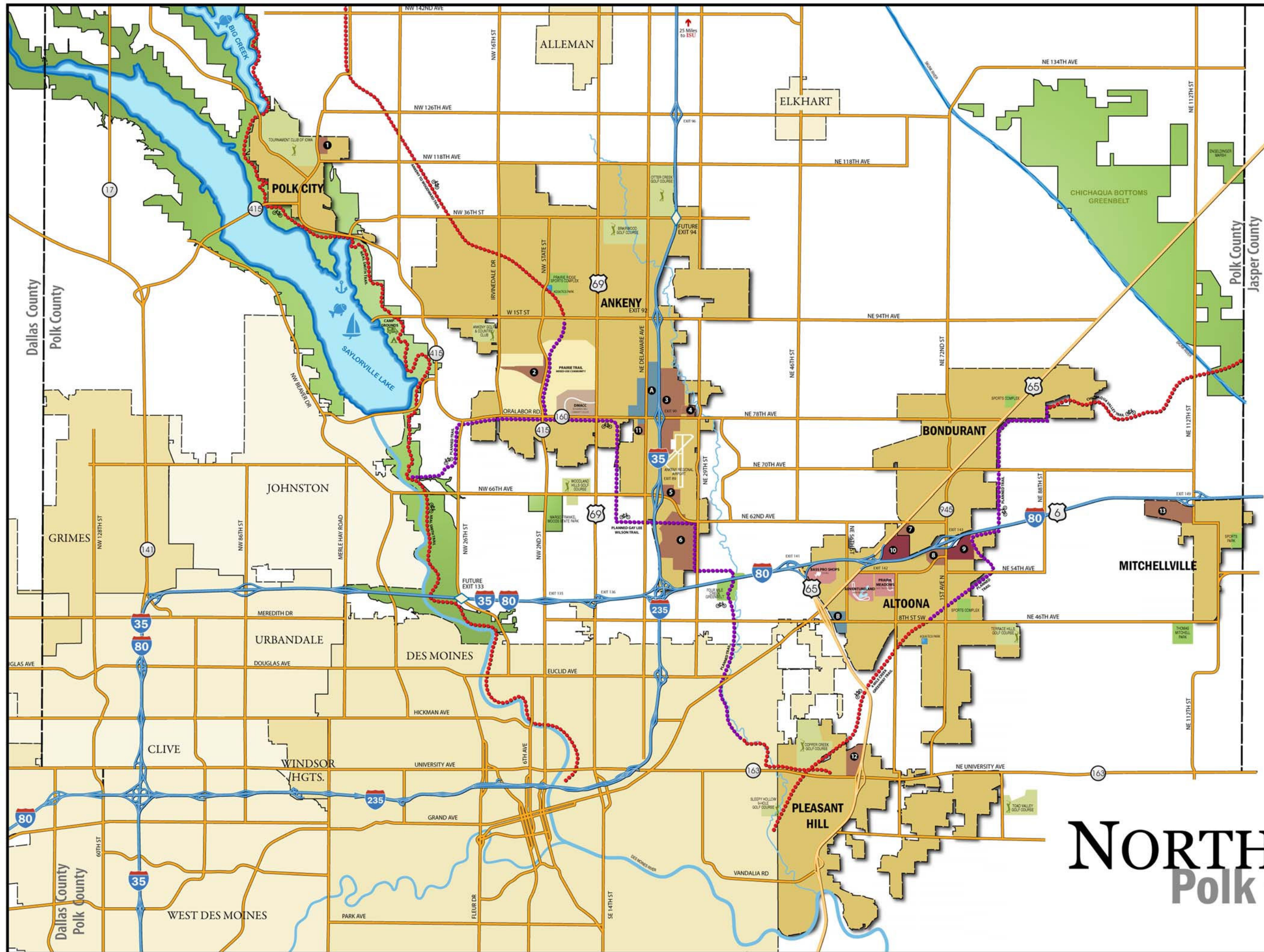
WHEREAS, a strong north/east Polk County will increase career opportunities in Polk County, expand Polk County's tax base and improve the quality of life for residents, and

WHEREAS, representatives of each community have been active in developing priorities that serve the common interests of the communities of north/east Polk County, and

WHEREAS, the North/East Polk County Coalition has had success toward accomplishing its priorities, and

WHEREAS, an updated set of priorities gives a strong direction for future success toward accomplishing the priorities, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the Cities of Altoona, Ankeny, Bondurant, Mitchellville, Pleasant Hill and Polk City support the efforts of the North/East Polk County Coalition and endorses the priorities of the North/East Polk County Coalition.



NORTH EAST Polk County